



**Meeting**                    **Coopers Gap Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee No. 34**

**Venue**                     Cooranga North Memorial Hall, Cooranga North

**Time**                      1:00 pm

**Date**                       11 March 2020

**Chair**                      Rob Hart

**Attendees**                *Committee Members* - Mick Cosgrove, Neil French, Cyril Stewart, Bill Sparkes, Tom Hoare, Russell Glode.

Rob Hart (Independent Chair), Geoff Dutailis (Interim CEO PARF), Peter Gibson (GE), Michael Yeo (AECOM), Brian McEvoy (AGL), Han Tay (AGL), John Marker, Dafyd Martindale (SBO) , Alice Sharp, Finlay Sharp, W H Gooderham, Cheryl Cosgrove (CWA), Val Stewart, Colin Hill (AGL), Carmel Trebbin, Phil Trebbin, Colin Mills (AGL), John Young (AGL), Brent Reading (WDRC), Mitchell Anderson (TSBE), Tom Villiers (PARF), Jade Wenham, Mark Chang (PARF), Gwen McLaughlin (CWA), Renee Mulholland, Wei Liao (QIC)

**Apologies**                Clare Wilkes (AGL)  
Cr Ros Heit (SBRC)  
Bill & Delta Sparkes  
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**Item**

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**01**

**Welcome**

Rob Hart opened the meeting at 1pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 12 December 2019 were distributed prior to the meeting.

Confirmed that all members received copies of previous minutes.

***Minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously accepted.***

**Conflicts of interest**

Rob Hart (Chair) called for any new conflicts of interest. None declared.

Rob requested update on last meetings action items.

<p><b>Item 1 - Invitation to Operations to the next community meeting for input going forward</b></p> <p>In attendance is Colin Hill – AGL Coopers Gap Wind Farm Operation Representative and Geoff Dutailis – Interim CEO PARF.</p>
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## 02

### **Project Update**

Brian McEvoy – AGL Project Director advised that largely due to weather, completion date has been pushed back to September 2020.

Production is currently limited by Powerlink at a maximum of 148 megawatts, expecting approval to go to 180 megawatts in the next few weeks.

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## 03

### **Construction Update**

Peter Gibson (GE)

An issue has been identified with yaw brakes, which causes a screeching sound in affected turbines. Long term solution is that all turbines will have brake pads replaced. Peter encourages anyone noticing a noisy turbine to report it as there is a short term solution that will quickly rectify the problem.

Local weather events in the region caused serious flooding throughout Jandowae. Regular meeting participant Celeste Nelson called upon AGL for help in the cleanup effort. GE, AGL and local business HEQ banded a crew together in a co-ordinated effort repairing properties, cleaning rubbish and generally helping locals in any way they could.

Peter expressed the willingness to be able to help the community in such times and the project will endeavour to help when they can.

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## 04

### **Community Update**

Brian McEvoy presented in Clare Wilkes' absence.

Sharyn Garrett has completed her short-term community liaison contract on the project and at this stage AGL is unsure of the capacity this role now requires. The community call Peter and Michael direct and can continue to do so.

Clare continues working towards a mobile phone tower. Telstra have declined citing a lack of customer base, Clare is now in negotiations with Optus with an answer expected by June.

A few in attendance voiced their dislike for Optus due to the lack of coverage in the rural area. .

There were several suggestions such as the possibility of AGL subsidising mobile phone boosters as an alternative. It was decided that this be an action item allocated to AGL to investigate this and similar alternate options currently being used in the CSG industry (as suggested by Mitch Anderson from TSBE). Another opportunity may be to utilise the increase to the community fund in conjunction with the already allocated allowance for the tower.

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## 05

### **General Business and Q&A**

Mick raised the issue of the viewing platform and that this has been on the agenda for far too long. Cr Ros Heit to provide update and Brent from WDCR to ascertain their position for a response back to the committee.

Rob addressed the structure of the committee moving into project operation phase. Now that Colin Hill is in attendance to represent operations, the frequency and structure of the meetings can be readdressed.

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Brian recommended that once the project is finished, quarterly meetings should continue into the first three months of operations to address any teething issues and move to six monthly meetings thereafter. Rob suggested that at that point the structure of the committee may also be addressed, such as if existing members would like to continue to sit on the committee, possibility to bring on new participating members etc.

Mick questioned how this might work with the community fund given it is now a significant amount of money. Whether a new committee be formed for this purpose or becomes a function of the existing committee also needs some consideration upon committee review at operations phase. Clare to come up with a proposed structure for the next meeting.

## 06

### Next Meeting and Close

Meeting closed 1:55pm

Next meeting:  
Wednesday, 10 June 2020  
Cooranga North Hall  
1.00pm to 2.30pm

Item	Action	Date	Who
1	Investigate mobile boosting options as an alternative to the construction of a mobile tower. Current technologies being used in CSG industry with great success, or fixed mobile booster antennas on residential houses under an AGL subsidised model.	10 June 2020	Clare Wilkes
2	Update to be provided on the progress of the viewing platform.	10 June 2020	Cr Ros Heit
3	AGL to put forward a proposed structure for the committee with respect to the incorporation and governance of the community fund.	10 June 2020	Clare Wilkes